

Washington, DC – Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Chair Mike Honda (D-CA) today commended the Senate for passing “The Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration and Preservation Act,” legislation that authorizes \$15 million for the Angel Island preservation project.

“By preserving the Angel Island Immigration Station, we show that this is not only important to Asian Pacific Americans but a priority for all Americans,” Congressman Honda said. “Just as Ellis Island is a critical part of our nation’s history, Angel Island offers Americans a richer and more comprehensive understanding of our history and the diversity we celebrate in this nation.”

The Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration and Preservation Act was introduced in the House by Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) and introduced in the Senate by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). With the passage of the legislation this past Wednesday, it now goes to the President for signature.

“More than 50,000 people continue to visit Angel Island Immigration Station yearly, but sadly, the history of Angel Island is often left out of classroom lectures,” Honda said. “With greater federal support, however, we can now restore the Island’s historic buildings, preserve irreplaceable immigration records, and keep alive the stories and memories of those who were detained on the Island.”